

ANNUAL REPORT TO LEYBURN R.D. COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1938.

MAY, 1939.

A. 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA	...	...	...	...	...	63613 ACRES
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	6801
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	...	1747
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	£25067
PRODUCE OF 1D. RATE	...	...	...	...	...	£101

The District is Mountainous, purely Agricultural, and very sparsely populated. There is a large Military Camp at Catterick on the border with an offshoot at Leyburn. The Camp at Leyburn is to accommodate a large body of Territorials. The area covers 114 square miles and contains 32 Parishes.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Births

		Male	Female
Live Births	Legitimate	54	48)
	Illegitimate	3	4)
Still Births	Legitimate	3	0)
	Illegitimate	0	0)

Birth-rate per 1000, 15·7 Average 15·5

Male, 47 Female 46—93

Death-rate per 1000, 9·8 Average 11

Deaths from Childbirth	}	Sepsis	0
		Other causes	1

Deaths under 1 year :—

Legitimate, 7	Illegitimate, 1	—	8	—	75 per 1000
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Deaths from Measles	—	0
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„ „ Whooping Cough	—	0
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„ „ Diarrhoea under 2 years	—	1
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„ „ Cancer	—	9
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„ „ Diphtheria	—	0
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Deaths

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3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospital Accommodation

A—Fever. Arrangements exist with Northallerton for the reception of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid cases in their Hospitals.

Smallpox. Arrangements with Darlington exist for the isolation and treatment of Smallpox.

A Joint Hospital board has been formed with Richmond etc. to build an Isolation Hospital. The scheme is progressing.

B—Hospital accommodation for Tuberculosis, Maternity, Children and Orthopaedics falls within the purview of the County Council. Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and Homeless Children in the Area are dealt with under the new Poor Law.

Ambulances

AMBULANCES. Ambulances can be obtained from :—

By subscribers, from Memorial Hospital, Darlington.

Ambulances for Infectious cases are sent from Northallerton or Thirsk at the request of M.O.H.

The District needs an Ambulance.

Public Health Officers

The Officers of the District Council are a Medical Officer and a Sanitary Inspector, the latter Mr. Sutton being qualified and certificated.

Nursing

There is a District Nurse at Leyburn, who supervises Leyburn, Bellerby and Spennithorne. There is another at Redmire, who visits Preston, Wensley, Redmire, Castle Bolton and West Witton.

There is a District Nurse for Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-Willows and Constable Burton.

Midwives

There is a resident Nurse Midwife at East Witton who also serves Middleham and Coverdale. The District Nurses act as Midwives.

Laboratory Facilities

Free examination of Swabs. Doctors make their own arrangements.

Sputum examined for tubercle at expense of County Council.

Free provision of Diphtheria anti-toxin.

Bye-Laws

Building and Street Bye-laws have proved of value.

There is a Town Planning Scheme.

The R.D. Council provide Diphtheria immunization. Immunization is offered to all through their own doctor, the Council will pay 8/- for each case immunised.

Not enough advantage is taken of this offer.

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4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Patrick Brompton, Harmby, Bellerby, and part of Carlton Highdale all have piped water supplies under the control of the Council.

Agglethorpe, Arrathorne, East Witton, Finghall, East Serafton, West Serafton, Carlton, Spennithorne, Preston, Redmire, Castle Bolton, Melniberby and Wensley all have piped supplies privately owned.

Barden, Constable Burton, Hauxwell, Thornton Steward, Hornby, Caldbergh, Newton-le-Willows and West Witton are without piped supplies.

Barden, Garriston, Hauxwell, Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-Willows and Thornton Steward all could be supplied with water from the Bedale trunk main now being laid from Bellerby springs.

Sewerage

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Castle Bolton, East Witton and Swinithwaite, have stoneware sewers laid to sewage works. Preston and Newton-le-Willows are to be sewer-ed in the near future. Plans have been prepared.

Hunton, Bellerby, West Witton, Carlton & Patrick Brompton all are in need of proper sewer-age schemes.

Scavenging

The Council undertake to remove house refuse in the parishes of Middleham and Leyburn. They undertake the removal of house refuse and the cleansing of privies in the parishes of Arrathorne, Hunton and Hornby. The refuse tips at Middleham and Leyburn are unsuitable. Night soil is deposited on arable land but with increasing difficulty.

The whole of the Rural District ought to be scavenged, and the refuse disposed of either by an incinerator or on properly controlled tips. At present the tips at Leyburn and Middleham are used by Contractors and tradesmen at all times, and no one has control over them.

Rivers and Streams

Streams at Carlton, Harmby, Bellerby, Hunton and West Witton all are being polluted by domestic sewage. The provision of sewers in these villages is an urgent necessity.

Camp and Camp Sites

There are no camps or camp sites in the district, and no application for licenses have been received.

13 privies were abolished and W.C.'s. provided. 12 of these were connected to the sewers of the Council.

Sanitary Inspector

	Inspections made		Notices served		
	Inspections	Informal notice	Complied	Statutory notices	
Council's Works	453	24	23	—	—
Housing	92	21	11	—	—
Dairies, Cowsheds	191	31	7	—	—
Workshops	5	1	1	—	—
Slaughter Houses	17	1	1	—	—
Other	26	—	—	—	—
Total	783	78	43	—	—

Disinfection

Disinfection. Fumigation by Formalin of 45 premises was carried out during the year. A Portable " Saek " Steam Disinfector for fomites is needed.

Meat

No meat has been condemned.

Milk

There are 305 wholesale and 31 retail purveyors of milk.

Structural improvement of Cowsheds has been continued throughout the year.

Schools

The Schools are fairly satisfactory.

Privies should be converted into Earth Closets and cleaned out frequently.

Swimming Pools Bed Bugs

None in area.

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5. HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1938.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total including numbers given separately under (b)	...	7
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :	...	0
(i) By the Local Authority	...	0
(ii) By other bodies or persons	...	0

1.—Unfit Dwelling-Houses :

Inspection—(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	7
(b) Number of Inspections	...	...	...	7
(2) (a) Number of Dwelling-Houses which were inspected and recorded under Section 5 of Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	21
(b) Number of Inspections	...	...	...	21
(3) Number of Dwelling-Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	1
(4) Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	9

2.—Remedy of defects without service of formal notices :

Number of defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers

3.—Action under Statutory Powers :

A—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	6
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	...	...	...	...	NIL
(a) By Owner	...	...	...	...	7
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	NIL
(3) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close	...	...	...	...	NIL

B—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	30
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :					
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	25
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	0

C—Proceedings under sections 11 & 13 Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

D—Proceedings under section 12 of Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	NIL
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	NIL

4—Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :

A—(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	12
(2) Number of families therein	...	...	12
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	68
B—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported in year	...	...	0
C—(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved in year	...	...	8
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	45
D—Particulars of any cases in which Dwelling-houses again became overcrowded after Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	NIL

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6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	AGE										Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	
	-1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65		
Small Pox													Nil	Nil
Diphtheria			2	2	3	1	3	2	1		14		6	2
Scarlet	1	2	2	3	4	19	9	3	1	2	1		47	30
Enteric													0	Nil
Puerperal													0	Nil
Pneumonia										1			1	1
													Nil	5

General

No Vaccinations or Re-Vaccinations have been performed by M.O.H.

Influenza, some Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria occurred.

Cancer

9 deaths.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases notified	Treated at home	Vision unimpaired
Nil	Nil	Nil

Tuberculosis Notifications.

AGE	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Deaths	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1						
5						
10	1	1				
15						
20	1					
25		1				
35		1				
45						
55						
64 up	2	3				
					7	

Reported from Registrar General :

Pulmonary Deaths, 1, Non-Pulmonary, 1, Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 0.

No action under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, was required.

Things requiring attention :

Scavenging for the whole district and the acquisition of suitable tips for the disposal of refuse.

Houses should be provided by the Council to take the place of these scheduled as unfit for human habitation.

I AM,
YOURS OBEDIENTLY,
GEORGE COCKCROFT.

